

Gifted Child Committee Report

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Events:

12/11 – Mandy and Lang met MCPS choice study response team and OCIP leaders including Ms. Betsy Brown, Ms. Betty Collins, Mrs. Niki Hazel, Mr. Scott Murphy, and Mrs. Jeannie Franklin.

- The key points on the new K-8 curriculum are:
 - MCPS is going to have the new curriculum roll out starting from 19-20.
 - The new curriculum does not have much enrichment / acceleration. One point brought up is that Algebra 1 was offered at the 9th grade level.
 - The pathway / acceleration won't change in 19-20. However, it will change in 20-21. They are still working on the detail.
 - After reviewing all videos published for community review, there is not yet seen anything concrete information about enrichment and acceleration. MCPS will look into this after adoption.

- For the HS changes,
 - MCPS is willing to have two events with MCCPTA. One in Jan for collecting opinions and one in March for informing decisions. Mandy is working on settling down the detail days. We will publish details later.
 - New CTE items will continue to be pushed strongly. MCPS is marketing CTE as the solution to bring high-pay high-demand future job opportunities to students. While we do not believe all of them are for top 1-2% students, there are some that will meet their need. For instance, cyber security and taking Montgomery college courses.
 - An option for MCPS to ease the tension on Magnet admission pressure seems to market Magnet together with CTE together in a big basket. Kids do not need Magnet will have a lot of options. But, budget is definitely a big issue.

- This year, the high school Magnet program tests adopted CogAT. We expressed our interests to learn the spread of the new tests. Our point is that if the tests cannot have a good spread, it is hard to identify the top students who need the programs. Ms. Jeannie Franklin said that the feedback was that the test was hard. Still, she agreed to provide the spread information when test results were in.

12/13 – Lang attended MCCPTA BOD meeting